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St. Mark Church – 3500 Montgomery Road



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Background



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Historic Significance

A structure may be deemed as having historic significance if it has at least one of the following attributes:

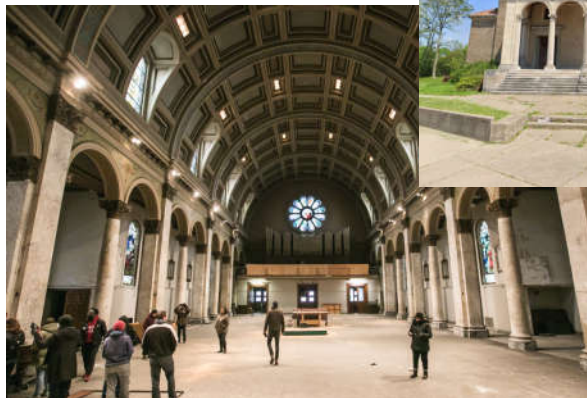
- 1) Association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- 2) Association with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
- 3) Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or**
- 4) That has yielded , or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

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Italian Renaissance Revival

- Large scale and formal design
- Basilica plan with transept and semicircular apse
- Classical details
- Brick, terra cotta and tile
- Arcaded porch
- Six story bell tower



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Public Comment and Notification

Notification – Staff Conference, HCB Meeting, and CPC Meeting

- Mailed notification to property owner, property owners within 400-feet, and Evanston Community Council

Joint Virtual Public Staff Conference – September 16, 2021

- Applicant, City staff, property owner’s representative and members from the public were in attendance

Historic Conservation Board Public Hearing – October 11, 2021

- Nine attendees spoke in favor of the designation
- Correspondence received

City Planning Commission Meeting – November 19, 2021

- Seven attendees spoke in favor; two attendees spoke in opposition

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Consistency with Plans

Evanston Work Plan (2019)

Celebrate and Preserve Evanston

Goal: “Build upon its rich history through the preservation of buildings and the stories from residents past and present who shaped the neighborhood.”

Action Step: “Submit the application to the City designating St. Mark’s as an historic landmark”

Plan Cincinnati (2012)

Sustain Initiative Area

Goal: “Preserve our natural and built environment.”

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City Planning Commission Considerations

The City Planning Commission shall consider the following:

- 1) The relationship of the proposed designation to the comprehensive plans of the city and of the community in which the proposed Historic Landmark is located; and
- 2) The effect of the proposed designation on the surrounding areas and economic development plans of the city; and
- 3) Such other planning and historic preservation considerations as may be relevant to the proposed designation.

Recommendation

The City Planning Commission recommends that City Council take the following actions:

1. **APPROVE** the proposed designation of St. Mark's Church as a Local Historic Landmark at 3500 Montgomery Road in Evanston under criteria 3 of the Cincinnati Zoning Code; and
2. **ADOPT** the conservation guidelines.